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SUBJECT : KAMAL HOSSAIN ON ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE

1. IN AIRPORT NEWS CONFERENCE UPON HIS RETURN FROM JIDDA JULY 19, FOREIGN MINISTER KAMAL HOSSAIN EMPHASIZED " ACTIVE ROLE" PLAYED BY BANGLADESH AND THE "HIGH DEGREE OF CONSENSUS" ON ALL ISSUES AMONG THE 41 NATIONS REPRESENTED. ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED WIRE SERVICE REPORT PUBLISHED JULY 20, KAMAL HOSSAIN SAID THAT THE CONFERENCE ADOPTED BANGLADESH'S PROPOSALS ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND FOOD STOCKS ESPECIALLY TO MEET NEEDS ARISING FROM NATURAL CALAMITIES. AT THE CONFERENCE, THE MINISTER SAID, BANGLADESH SERVED ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR CLOSER CONSULTATION WITH THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR WORKING OUT A COMMON STRATEGY AND PREPARING RESOLUTIONS FOR THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. HE ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT BANGLADESH, ALONG WITH AFGHANISTAN, WAS ENDORSED BY THE CONFERENCE FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE UN.

2. STATING THAT THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE CONFERENCE WAS

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ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, KAMAL HOSSAIN

REPEATED BDG'S STRRFG SUPPORT FOR THE ARAB AND PALESTINIAN CAUSES AND ITS SUPPORT FOR THE "CONCRETE MEASURES" IN THIS REGARD ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE. IN THE USUAL OBLIGATORY REFERENCE TO BDG'S BILATERAL PROBLEMS WITH PAKISTAN, KAMAL REPORTEDLY SAID THAT BDG'S STATEMENT ON THE "PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION IN THE SUBCONTINENT WAS BETTER APPRECIATED" BY THE CONFERENCE.

3. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS ACCOUNT, KAMAL ALSO SAID THAT THE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD MEET INFORMALLY IN NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 30 TO DISCUSS THE "APPOINTMENT OR RE-APPOINTMENT" OF THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL.
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